October 28th, 1918

Professor R. Ramsay Wright,

Red Gables, Headington Hill,

Oxford, England.

My dear Wright:

I spoke to you when I was in England about the desire of the Board to have your portrait painted for the University. Sir Edmund Walker has been making inquiries with regard to painters and on his recommendation it has been decided to ask Mr. Arnesby Brown to paint your portrait if you are willing so that it may be placed alongside of our other portraits. The size would be 40 × 32. This may seem a little large, but unfortunately a number of the others have set the standard and it would not do to have yours on a smaller scale. Will you be kind enough to communicate with Mr. Brown at Haddiscoe, Norwich, England ? Sir Edmund Walker has already written to Mr. Brown asking him ti arrange with you for the painting so that after consulting your convenience he may make the arrangements. Of course if the portrait could be ready by the spring so that it could be presented to the University at Convocation next May it would add greatly to the interest of the occasion. Horatio Walker has just presented Mavor's portrait to the University and it will likely be given at the same time.

I had a very uneventful but very pleasant trip home. After I saw you I was delayed for a few days in London and was kept in the Mersey for two days. I think I never travelled with a more delightful company. There were 135 gentlemen, among whom were quite a

number of officers. Lord Charnwood was on board on his way to deliver Lincoln lectures in Springfield, Illinois, and also lectures at Cornell. He is coming to us next week. I do not know whether you have met him or not, but he is a delightful man, was formerly a lecturer at Balliol, and is a brother of Frank Benson the actor.

On getting home I found that influenza had made its appearance and it has been raging for the last fortnight, leaving in its track many deaths. My wife and the younger boy had pretty sharp attacks, but fortunately they are getting well.

We have closed the University for a fortnight, but hope to be able to resume work a week from to-day. This with the coal situation has made our domestic affairs somewhat anxious, though the marvellously rapid development of good news on our side in Europe and Asia relieves our own difficulties.

I see that influenza is again making its appearance in England and I hope that you and Mrs. Wright will escape. Please give her my kind remembrances in which I know my wife would join were she aware that I am writing to you. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.